

Virginia Commission on Youth 2021 Legislative Studies and Initiatives

Increasing Engagement in Virginia Higher Education Substance Use Advisory Committee (VHESUAC)

Draft Recommendations

Implement a Recognition Program:

Recommendation 1

Request that the Virginia Higher Education Substance Use Advisory Committee (VHESUAC) implement a recognition program for institutions of higher education (IHE) to increase participation within VHESUAC. Recognition would go to those IHEs that provide essential VHESUAC documentation, which could include: biannual report, alcohol and other drugs-specific strategic plan, progress on VHESUAC strategic plan campus-wide initiatives, and student data.

or:

Implement a Strategic Initiative Grant:

Recommendation 2

Introduce a budget amendment for VHESUAC to implement a one-time strategic initiative grant for institutions of higher education (IHE) to increase participation within VHESUAC. IHEs who apply and receive a grant from the VHESUAC shall use this funding to implement a new VHESUAC strategic plan campus-wide initiative and report on results at the end of the year.

or:

Implement an Incentivized Reporting Effort:

Recommendation 3

Introduce a budget amendment for VHESUAC to implement a one-time incentivized reporting effort for institutions of higher education (IHE) to increase participation within the VHESUAC. Incentive reporting funds would go to those IHEs that provide essential VHESUAC documentation, which could include: biannual report, alcohol and other drugs-specific strategic plan, progress on VHESUAC strategic plan campus-wide initiatives, and student data.

or:

Implement Recommendations 1 and 2:

Recommendation 4

Adopt recommendations 1 and 2. A recognition program and strategic initiative grant.

or:

Implement Recommendations 2 and 3:

Recommendation 5

Adopt recommendations 2 and 3. A strategic initiative grant and incentivized reporting effort.